Final Project: Literature Review and Elevator Talk

Due: September 4 no later than 11:59 pm
Format: Typed; single spaced; 12 point font; submitted electronically as one document
Point Distribution:

Title/Topic	Content	Citations	Elevator Talk	Total (points)
	10	5	5	20

1. Literature review

a. Determine what area of research you would be interested in learning more about. You will search for papers in this area, read them critically to get an understanding of key points, challenges, etc. and write a literature review, or synopsis, of this topical area.

b. Decide how you want to organize a review of this topic citing the important papers you learned from. Important research related to the research topic should be cited. The literature review should be in the range of **500-700 words** (not including citations) with **at least 5 citations.** At least 3 of the 5 references should come from primary literature (journals, conference proceedings). A reminder that textbooks and disciplinary trade journals are secondary literature sources.

c. The literature review should have:
  - a clear and specific title,
  - citations to your references shown throughout the review using the convention in your discipline for citing sources (not listed at the end like a typical bibliography),
  - a list of the references at the end that correspond to each citation.
  - a word count at the end.

2. Elevator talk

a. Create a concise description about your literature review topic that anyone (i.e., friend, family member) should be able to understand in the time it would take to ride up an elevator.
b. The goal is to communicate research ideas to a general audience.
c. Document must be 30-60 words.
d. Specify the word count at the end.